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 TAGS: [PARM](#) [PREL](#) [PTER](#) [ECCT](#) [RS](#) [IR](#) [SY](#)
 SUBJECT: (S) POTENTIAL HIZBALLAH-IRAN ARMS TRANSFER

Classified By: Ann Ganzer, ISN Acting DAS
 Reason 1.4 (b), (c), and (d)

11. (U) This is an action request for Embassy Moscow

 BACKGROUND

12. (S) We have recently received information that Iran and Hizballah plan to transport military equipment between Syria and Iran via Moscow. Washington is very concerned about the potential transfer of arms between Iran and a terrorist organization. Arms transfers from Iran, regardless of the recipient, would be a violation of UNSCR 1747. Transfers to Hizballah in Lebanon would be a violation of UNSCR 1701.

 OBJECTIVES

13. (S) Post should seek to:

--Inform appropriate host government officials of the information regarding flights between Syria and Iran via Moscow of what we have reason to believe will be military equipment.

--Ask host officials to inspect these flights upon landing and prevent any transfers that would violate UNSCR 1701 or 11747.

--Stress that we wish to provide our allies with as much information as possible to assist them in preventing Iran from violating the relevant UN Security Council resolutions.

 ACTION REQUEST

14. (S) Post is requested to approach host government to inform it of the information regarding the potential flights between Syria and Iran via Moscow, and request their assistance to stop the flights.

SECRET/REL RUSSIA

--We appreciate cooperation on nonproliferation issues. In the spirit of such cooperation, we would like to raise with you a potential violation of UN Security Council resolutions 1701 and 1747. Our information is limited, but we feel it is important to share it with you given it affects your

territory and our shared interest in promoting the effective implementation of U.N, Security Council resolutions.

--We have information that Iran, in cooperation with Lebanese Hizballah, is preparing to transport military equipment between Syria and Iran via Moscow using three Syrian flights.

The flights are expected to take place this week, possibly on the 26th. Weapons may be going both ways (e.g. to and from Iran) on these flights.

-- In order to try to prevent any transfers that would violate UNSCR 1701 or UNSCR 1747, we urge you to investigate these flights and their cargoes, as well as any follow-on flights. We ask that you require that they be inspected as a condition of granting overflight approval, and, if military cargoes are discovered, that you take appropriate action to ensure that transfers prohibited by the relevant UNSCRs do not take place.

-- We would also appreciate if you could share with us the results of your investigation.

IF ASKED

-- UNSCR 1701: Under UNSCR 1701, States are to take the necessary measure to prevent, by their nationals or from their territories or using their flag vessels or aircraft, and whether or not originating in their territories, the sale or supply of weapons and ammunition, military vehicles and equipment, paramilitary equipment, and related spare parts, to any entity or individual in Lebanon unless authorized by the Government of Lebanon or UNIFIL.

--This prohibition also extends to technical training and assistance related to the provision, manufacture, maintenance, and use of the above-listed items.

--UNSCR 1747: Under UNSCR 1747, Iran is prohibited from supplying, selling, or transferring directly or indirectly from its territory or by its nationals or using its flag vessels any arms or related materiel. In addition, States are to prohibit the procurement of arms or related materiel from Iran by their nationals, or using their flag vessels or aircraft, and whether or not originating in the territory of Iran.

-- Any transfer of weapons from Iran to Syria or Hizballah would be a violation of UNSCR 1747. In addition, any provision by Iran or Syria of military equipment or related technical assistance to Hizballah in Lebanon would be a violation of UNSCR 1701.

-- As you know, Russia is also obligated by UNSCR 1747 OP5 to prevent involvement of Russian nationals from procuring arms from Iran, should such involvement exist.

-- Chicago Convention:

--Article 3 bis of the Convention on International Civil Aviation recognizes that every State, in the exercise of its sovereignty, is entitled to require the landing at any designated airport of a civil aircraft flying above its territory if there are reasonable grounds to conclude that it is being used for any purpose inconsistent with the aims of the Convention.

--Cargo the transfer of which is prohibited by relevant UNSCRs, including UNSCR 1701 or 1747, could be considered inconsistent with the aims of the Convention on International Civil Aviation.

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